

Mr. President: Whatever be the method for possession of information, from the explanation given by the Hon'ble Member, it is seen that he has come to the conclusion that this is an important occasion. Apart from the details, according to him this is an important occasion on which Mr. P. Govinda Menon should have been present at the Constituent Assembly and as regards the information that the Constituent Assembly would be adjourned by the end of July, that information was published some days back, both through the papers, and through other channels of information. However that be that is not the point here. The Hon'ble Member is under the conviction that Mr. P. Govinda Menon should have been present at the Constituent Assembly at this important juncture when not only the prerogative of His Highness, but other important matters are being discussed there. I think the Hon'ble Member had this information even before this meeting began.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I had not, Sir.

Mr. President: The views expressed by the Hon'ble Member on this question, which elicited certain statement from the Hon'ble Member of the Constituent Assembly some time ago make me think that the Hon'ble Member who has given this Adjournment motion was even at that time under the impression that it was the duty of the Member of the Constituent Assembly to have been present there. In spite of his allusion to the prerogative of His Highness, I think that the Hon'ble Member should have given this notice much earlier. This motion is out of order.

3. DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS (cont.)

38. 16-General Administration—(viii) Election Establishment

CUT MOTION

by Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

To reduce the allotment by Re. 1 "to urge on the Government that the work of the Department may be accelerated".

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (Vadakkancheri): I have to confess, Sir, that I have to traverse a beaten track in continuing the discussion on this cut. On that day, the first day when this cut motion was under discussion, even my right of reply was questioned by the Ministerial Benches but by your indulgence and interpretation of the rules correctly I got an opportunity of replying and I was on my legs, that evening I was saying that the reply given by the Treasury Benches to this representation was almost of the same sort, but a different interpretation came from the Ministerial Party member, Mr. Chowdhury Dhara Singh and I had followed with slightly little variation from that. My position is this, that what is done by the Government inclusive of the Minister or rather mainly by the Minister though not in their capacity as Ministers, to accelerate the possibility of the election being conducted even at the normal time, namely, April next year, is seen to be rather remote. I have a serious charge against them that although the charge of deliberately being privy to prolonging the election as was the point of the cut motion that was discussed here under General Administration and withdrawn, although not amounting to that, they are privy to the delays because the work of the officers, appointed clearly shows that this is true. In the month of Kumbham, Sir, the necessary officers in the higher rank eating up a large share of the tax-payers' money have been appointed and they have been functioning there since only to draw their pay. But mighty little, not mighty little, but absolutely nothing has been done, practically done to have the elections at the normal time. Although the Minister cannot be charged in the face of the categorical statement that has been made by one of the Ministers in another context. They are not deliberately making attempts to prolong the date of the election, that I concede, Sir. Still the charge is there that they can be justifiably said to be privy to the putting off of the election because nothing has been done and these Ministers have not raised their little finger in the matter. They say that the Government is a composite Unit whether it is transferred departments or non-transferred departments. That was the statement given to save themselves from a queer position I raised. If the wooden side of the Government on the day as distinct from the representative side, I do

not say responsible side, the representative side is slack in this department, they must be whipped, literally whipped up. I do deliberately say that and court the consequences of such a statement. They must be whipped up, that is the sort of callousness, carelessness and laziness that that side has exhibited in this matter. Tax-payers' money to the tune of six hundred rupees for 2 of the senior officers eaten up by them in the month of Kumbham, Meenam, Medam, Edavam, Mithunam and a few days of Karkadagam, nearly for six months from the amount contributed to the treasury by the sweat of the agriculturists of the State.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Minister for Food and Education*): The pay of the officers was given from Income-tax. (laughter).

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Sir, Income-tax falls upon the protest also. Why should you fritter away the tax-payer's money like this? These gentlemen who have drawn their pay must be asked to refund the amount and more than that those who had been responsible for directing them, these higher grade officers to work, for the failure they must be, what shall I say, lynched. That will be appropriate. When a paper for publishing false information is suppressed and when a pointed question was put to be answered, and it could not be answered, I say the officers concerned have to be lynched. I asked the question on behalf of the tax-payer. Whether you answer it or not, you stand condemned before the bar of the Public of Cochin and also before the bar of the public of the outside world. You have painted in glowing colours, deliberately and selfishly elsewhere that the Ministry is getting encomimus. Your true colours will be known. One was the subject matter of the adjournment motion. This is another. When great persons are pleased to visit the State when great persons are invited by you, when great persons are entertained as State guests the real state of the present Cochin Government are not made known to them. They are often carried away by outward appearance, and interested versions. But woe unto you when these persons happen to know your true colours. When what really has been, is going on in our country for the last more than 10 months is known, the boast that not only representative but responsible Government is in existence, they will ask you, Sir is this responsible Government, responsible to whom? You are seen to be not responsible even to yourself.

Mr. President: It is time.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Therefore, Sir, I say I do not accept the version and the reply of the Government. I have a duty to the public to press this motion, and therefore, Sir, with the environments and the want of explanation, the in-coherency of the explanation, the unsatisfactory nature of the explanation I press this cut motion to a division, knowing fully well that I may not be able to command very large numbers when the poll takes place. I court it, Sir, and I press the motion.

Cut motion put and lost

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Poll, Sir.

Ayes

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| 1. Mrs. T. Francis. | 5. Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon. |
| 2. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan. | 6. Dr. S. S. Rao. |
| 3. Mr. P. V. Sebastian. | 7. Mr. T. K. L. Kunjuvaried. |
| 4. Mr. Parambi Lonappen. | 8. Mr. K. H. Sulaiman. |

Noes

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| 1. Mrs. K.M.R. Menon. | 2. Mr. P. K. Dewar. |
| 3. Mr. K. K. Kannan. | 4. Mr. K. S. Panicker. |
| 5. Mr. K. T. Achuthan. | 6. Mr. K. R. Ramakrishnan. |
| 7. Mr. Natarajan Chettiar. | 8. Mr. Thevanna Gownder. |
| 9. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe. | 10. Mr. M. I. Paul. |
| 11. Mr. M. K. Raja. | 12. Mr. P. T. Jacob. |
| 13. Mr. P. K. Paul. | 14. Mr. P. Sankara Menon. |
| 15. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan. | 16. Mr. Puthoor Achutha Menon. |
| 17. Mr. C. S. Panicker. | 18. Chowdhury G. S. Dhara Singh. |
| 19. Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu. | 20. Mr. Paul P. Mampilly. |
| 21. Mr. P. Govinda Menon. | 22. Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar. |
| 23. Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan. | 24. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni. |
| 25. Mr. K. S. Raghavan. | 26. Mr. K. Govinda Menon. |

Mr. President : 8 for the motion and 26 against. Motion is therefore declared lost.

Demand put and carried

(39) and (40). "16 General Administration—(viii)—Elections—Allowances "

and " 16. General Administration—(viii)—Elections—Contingencies"

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Items 39 and 40 may be permitted to be moved together.

Mr. President : Yes.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move that a supplementary grant of Rs. 2,612 under "16—General Administration—(VIII)—Elections—Allowances" and Rs. 3,750 under the same head "Contingencies" may be granted. The Notes to the Standing Finance Committee explain how these figures are made up. I request the same may be granted.

Demand put and carried

(41). "16—4—Legislative Council—Salaries "

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 1,000 under "16—4—Legislative Council—Salaries." The printed Note shows what exactly this is for. I request this may be granted.

Choudhury C. S. Dhara Singh (*Mattancheri*): As I think it will be more proper if the Government themselves take up the matter, I do not propose to move.

Demand put and carried

(42) "16—4—Legislative Council—House Rent Allowance"

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 675 under "16—4—Legislative Council—House rent allowance, etc." The reasons are given in the detailed explanation. I request that the amount may be granted.

Demand put and carried

(43) and (44). "16—4—Legislative Council—T. A." and "16—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous "

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I request I may be allowed to move items 43 and 44 together.

Mr. President : Yes.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "16—4—Legislative Council—T. A." and Rs. 422 under "16—4—Legislative Council—Miscellaneous." It is the same note which gives all the details. I request that the same be granted.

Demand put and carried

(45) "18 Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice "

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 2,161 under "18—Law and Justice—C—Criminal Justice" Reasons are given in the printed Note which gives also the details of the amount which goes to make up Rs. 2,161. I request that the amount may be granted.

Demand put and carried

(46) "20—Police—Miscellaneous"

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I beg to move for an additional allotment of Re. 1 under "20—Police—Miscellaneous". This is a token motion. Government are taking steps to acquire Survey No. 240/2 in Kariyannur Village for a parade ground for Erumapetty Out-post at a cost of Rs. 250. The expenditure can be met from current year's savings under 20. Police—Miscellaneous. But this is a new work not originally included in the Budget voted by the Legislative Council. According to Art. 145-B (4) C.A.G. Volume I, when expenditure has to be incurred on an original work, not voted in the Council;